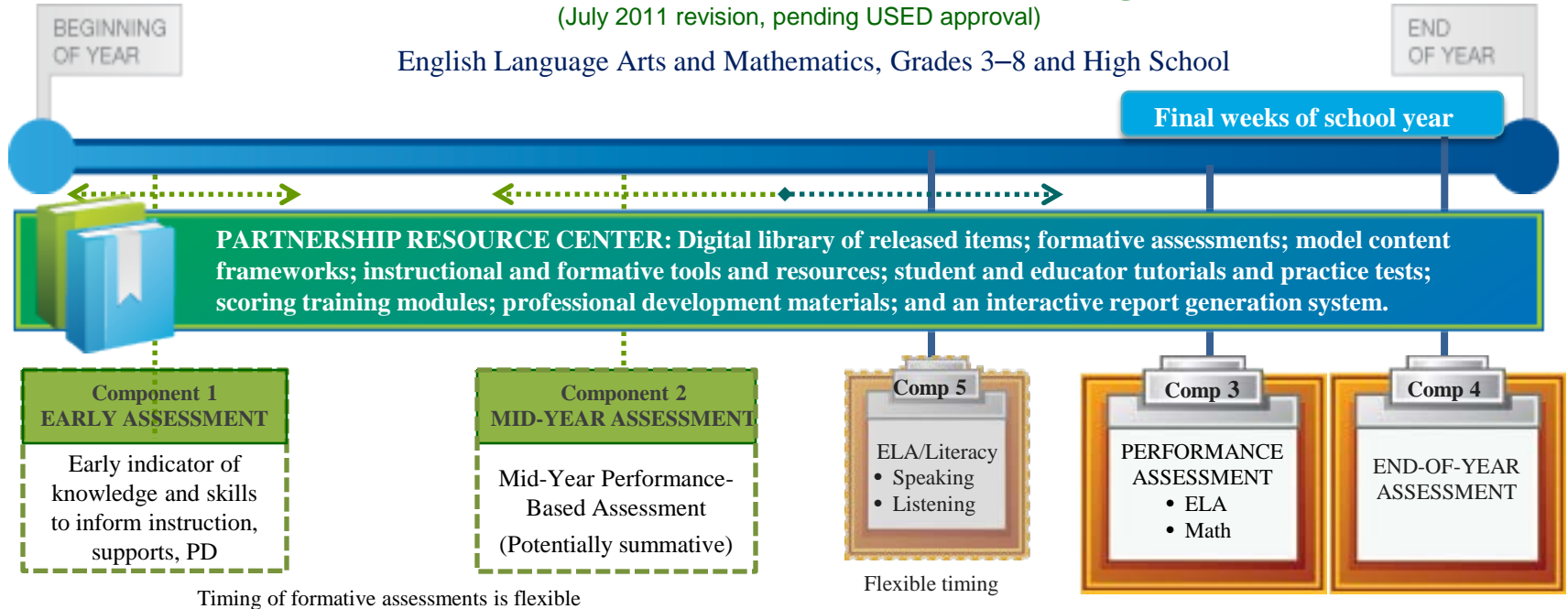


Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)

(July 2011 revision, pending USED approval)

English Language Arts and Mathematics, Grades 3–8 and High School



Description of Major PARCC Features

Optional Assessment Components:

Component 1: Formative early assessment designed to be an indicator of student knowledge and skills so that instruction, supports, and professional development can be tailored to student needs. (Use is optional.)

Component 2: Formative mid-year performance tasks that provide teachers and students with instructionally useful feedback and prepare them for the summative performance tasks to be given in Component 3. This component will focus on hard-to-measure standards. Teachers will be given an online score training tool to score these tasks and improve their understanding of the CCSS expectations. (Use is optional.)

Summative Assessment Components:

Component 3: Composed primarily of performance tasks and taken over several sessions/class periods, the ELA assessments will focus on writing effectively when analyzing text and the mathematics assessments will focus on math practices and solving multi-step problems. Scores returned within two weeks.

Component 4: These End-Of-Year comprehensive assessments will be computer-based and consist of innovative, machine-scorable item types.

High School: In mathematics, both traditional and integrated math sequences will be supported; in ELA, literacy skills in ELA, science, and social studies will be assessed, as defined in the CCSS.

Component 5: (*Required, not used for accountability*) This component is being redefined to allow it to be given any time between mid-year and end-of-year.

Scoring: Scores for Components 3 and 4 will be combined for the student's annual accountability score.

Partnership Resource Center: A digital library of optional resources to support teachers and students, grades K–12, including formative assessments for students in grades K–2 and a Text Complexity Diagnostic Tool.

Implementation: Field testing in 2012–2014; operational by fall 2014.